

**SOCIAL WORKERS SECTION  
EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
MAY 15, 2002**

**PRESENT:** Douglas Knight, Muriel Harper, George Kamps

**EXCUSED:** Crystal Berg, Jennifer Borup

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kimberly Nania, Bureau Director, John Schweitzer, Legal Counsel,  
Grace Schwingel

**CALL TO ORDER**

Douglas Knight called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum of three people was present.

**AGENDA**

Additions to the agenda:

- an additional stipulation for Cynthia Klein, CICSW, 96 SOC 018;
- a letter dated May 3, 2002, from Department of Social Services in Wood County, Wisconsin regarding the case against Sheila Check, aka Riechert that will be discussed in closed session;
- Deputy Secretary Greg Horstman will speak with the Section members on behalf of Secretary Oscar Herrerra.

**MOTION:** Muriel Harper moved, seconded by George Kamps, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2002**

**MOTION:** George Kamps moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to approve the minutes of April 16, 2002, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEPUTY SECRETARY GREG HORSTMAN**

Deputy Secretary Greg Horstman spoke with Section members regarding the Department's reorganization, progress made with legislation that passed, the Governor's budget repair bill and answered questions from Section members.

**INTRODUCTION: KATHARINE HILDEBRAND RE: BOARD MEMBER WORKSHOP**

Katharine Hildebrand talked with the Section members about the upcoming Board Member Workshop on Tuesday, June 25, 2002. Katharine also discussed the Department's Newsletter Open Session and the Survey that was sent to all board members.

## **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATION**

CRYSTAL S. YOUNG, CSW

DOE Attorney, Jack Zwieg presented a proposed stipulation in the matter concerning Crystal S. Young, CSW and recommended that the Section accept the stipulation and reprimand Crystal Young. The Section indicated an interest in auditing her to see if she completed her 30 hours. This matter will be deliberated on in closed session.

## **PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS THAT MAY BE SIGNED AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA**

CYNTHIA KLINE, CICSW

DOE Attorney, Jack Zwieg presented a proposed stipulation in the matter concerning Cynthia Kline, CICSW. The Section will not act on this stipulation this month; it cannot act to suspend or revoke a license today because there is not a 2/3 majority of the Section present. Ms. Kline has accepted a 90-day suspension of her certificate. This stipulation will be added to the Section's next agenda in June.

**MOTION:** Muriel Harper moved, seconded by George Kamps, to request regular audits of Crystal Young and Cynthia Kline, whose stipulations were presented to the Section at the May 2002 meeting and to conduct a mandatory audit of Cynthia Kline with regular follow-up reports. Motion carried unanimously.

## **SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND PRESS RELEASES**

John Schweitzer reviewed the progress of rules involving professions regulated by the Joint Board.

## **DISCUSSION OF METHOD COURSES – COMBINATION**

This item was tabled until the next Section meeting when Jennifer Borup will be present.

## **REVIEW CONTENT OF FORM RE: SOCIAL WORKER TRAINING CERTIFICATE**

The Section recommended some minor changes for the Social Worker Training Credential form. Kim Nania will have the necessary changes made and present the amended form at the next meeting.

## **REVIEW–TEMPORARY FOR BASIC CERTIFICATION UPON COMPLETION OF SOCIAL WORKER TRAINING CERTIFICATE**

John Schweitzer reviewed the criteria that must be met before a person can apply for the Social Worker Training Certificate. After a lengthy discussion, the Section agreed that a letter should be written explaining that all criteria, including taking the exam, for the Social Worker Training Certificate must be met before the end of the two year period that applicants are allowed to qualify for a Training Certificate. This information should be highlighted in the instructions for

applying for a Social Worker Training Certificate since this is different than the practice that has been taking place within the Department for the last couple of years.

### **DEVELOPMENT OF RULE REGULATING E-THERAPY**

The Section had a lengthy discussion on the development of the rule regarding e-therapy, recognizing the challenge that the trends in technology have presented the Section. The Section agreed to put this issue on the next agenda for further discussion and to look carefully at solutions involving discipline, jurisdiction, and to develop an appropriate response for this new development in the profession.

**MOTION:** George Kamps moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to start the rulemaking process related to tele-health, for the protection of Wisconsin citizens and to create a scope statement for a rule regulating e-therapy patterning the Wisconsin rule after North Dakota. Motion carried unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION RE: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS CE PERTAINING TO ETHICS**

The Section questioned by what authority the statement is made that appears on a certificate from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections for "Professionalism and Ethics" that states: "This training has been approved for 6 Continuing Education Hours for the purpose of Wisconsin Social Work Certification." The concern is the claim that the course given is "approved" for continuing education hours for Social Workers Certification; the Section questions just exactly "who" approved this course for continuing education credit. The course will be accepted but the Section wants to make the distinction that the course has not been "approved."

**MOTION:** Muriel Harper moved, seconded by George Kamps, to direct John Schweitzer to write a letter to the Department of Corrections indicating they must discontinue putting the statement on their certificate that states: "this training has been approved for six continuing education hours for the purpose of Wisconsin Social Work Certification" and to advise them how to gain approval for their courses by contacting the ASWB or NASW. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CLASS I HEARING – KELLI GERONIME**

The Section held a Class I Hearing on the application for certification as an independent clinical social worker. This matter will be deliberated on in closed session.

### **DISCUSSION OF HOW TO EDUCATE SUPERVISORS**

The Section decided to table this discussion until the next meeting.

### **REPORT OF SCREENING COMMITTEE**

Muriel reported that the Screening Committee opened three complaints.

## **APPROVAL OF ANY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

None

### **REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL**

Legal Counsel reviewed an inquiry received from Anne Hansen Sherman who calls herself an "In-Home Family Therapist" and explained that the violation lies in that she has a Social Worker degree. If she did not have a credential there would not be a problem.

**MOTION:** George Kamps moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to direct John Schweitzer to respond to Anne Hansen Sherman, explaining that her hours of supervised clinical practice in a certified outpatient mental health facility were accrued in violation of FSC 6.01 and that she will need to surrender her certificate in order to avoid a disciplinary action. Motion carried unanimously.

Legal Counsel reviewed a letter from Counseling Associates, Inc. who were requesting a written opinion of the interpretation of Statute 48.981 (7) 6. George Kamps will check with some of the teams to see how they are dealing with the information exchange with regard to confidentiality and will draft an article on this issue for the August edition of the Regulatory Digest.

### **DOUG KNIGHT'S NOMINATION TO ASWB FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MOTION:** George Kamps moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to nominate Doug Knight to the ASWB Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

### **UPDATE ON AB 206 – NOW THAT IT IS SIGNED, WHAT'S NEXT?**

The board reviewed and discussed the language on AB 206 and suggested changes that John Schweitzer will make to sections 35, 38, 47, 48, 62, 63, 74, and 89 of AB 206. Issues discussed were: the effective date of the Act, AODA, psychometric testing, 3,000 hours requirement, the effective date for supervision by a psychiatrist, determining if there is a need for temporary certificates, exam and insurance issues. Kim Nania requested that the Board set up a Task Force or Advisory Committee to work on this. The Board would like to define supervision and keep some degree of flexibility in the bill to give the board the option to allow exceptions in specific situations that may legitimately require an exception.

The Section would like to discuss supervision issues and pre-signed slips at the next board meeting.

**MOTION:** George Kamps moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to file a scope statement to promulgate rules to implement WI act 80. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** George Kamps moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to state the Board's interpretation of the conflicting provisions in Act 80 that an APSW or an ISW may receive supervision in clinical social work after November 1st by an LCSW, a psychologist or psychiatrist. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** George Kamps moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin state statutes 29.85(1)(a)(b)(f) and (g) – 11:30 a.m. Motion approved by a roll call vote: Douglas Knight, Muriel Harper, George Kamps.

Open Session adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The Section deliberated on stipulations, applications and case closings.

### **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION:** George Kamps moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

### **VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION, IF VOTING IS APPROPRIATE**

#### **CLASS I HEARING - KELLI GERONIME**

**MOTION:** Muriel Harper moved, seconded by George Kamps, to reaffirm the previous decision for Kelli Geronime, to grant approval for an Independent Social Worker certificate but to deny her request for an Independent Clinical Social Worker certificate, based on lack of clinical concentration in her degree. Motion carried unanimously.

### **STIPULATION**

#### **CRYSTAL S. YOUNG, CSW**

**MOTION:** George Kamps moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in the matter concerning Crystal S. Young, CSW. Motion carried unanimously.

## **APPLICATION REVIEWS**

**MOTION:** George Kamps moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to approve the following decisions and request further information where needed.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### **Independent Clinical Social Workers**

1. BAUER, DEBORAH- Approved - Credential
2. BRICE, SHANNON - Denied
3. GAZIANO, MICHAEL - Denied
4. 'GOTTO, JENNIFER - Approved to take the exam
5. HACK, JANNA - Denied
6. LEINO, JANET - More information needed
7. MIZERA, CARIN - Approved to take the exam
8. MICHELLE, NELSON - Denied request to take the exam
9. REILLY, JOHN - Approved - Licensure
10. ROBINSON, DAVID - No information
11. SACHS, LISA - Denied reciprocal
12. SCHMIDT, RONALD - Denied request to take the exam
13. TATRO, CHERYL - Denied request to take the exam
14. THODE-BURKE, LISA - Approved to take the exam
15. THOMPSON, KIMBERLEY - Approved to take the exam
16. YODER, KATHLEEN - Approved for licensure

### **Social Worker Training Certificate Review**

1. BURCH, KRISTIN-degree - Denied
2. BERGER, JENNIFER-course - Legal Counsel Review
3. CONN, AUDREY-internship/employment - Approved
4. CURTIS, SARA-internship -Legal Counsel Review
5. DAVIDSON, TAMI-course - Denied
6. EVENSON, CHRISTINE-internship/employment - Approved
7. FRISBIE-FENTON, KRISTIN-employment - Denied
8. HEINTZ, KATIE-course - Not Renewed
9. KREITZER, SARAH-course - Denied
10. MAGNER, STACIE-internship - Approved
11. PETERSON, TANYA-employment - Denied
12. PLITZNER, JENNIFER-course - Approved
13. SUWYN, CHAD-employment - Denied
14. SCHULTE, KATHRYN-employment - Denied
15. STRITTMATER, MATTHEW-employment - Denied

## **CASE STATUS REPORT**

**MOTION:** Muriel Harper moved, seconded by George Kamps, to accept the decisions on the following case closings. Motion carried unanimously.

- 02 SOC 003 – Close insufficient evidence.  
01 SOC 068 -- Close-insufficient evidence.

### **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT AGENDA**

- Proposed Stipulation in the matter involving Cynthia Kline, CICSW, presented at May 2002 meeting.
- Discussion of the Monitoring process and Monitoring Reports
- Revised Social Worker Training Credential

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** George Kamps moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.